

March 6, 2009

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**Re: ExxonMobil Canada Properties  
Hebron Project (CEAR # 09-03-46144)  
Federal Coordination Regulations Section 5 Notification**

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On March 6, 2009, ExxonMobil Canada Properties (EMCP) submitted to the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) a project description for the Hebron Project Development. The C-NLOPB determined that the Project would require an authorization pursuant to Section 138(1)(b) of the *Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act* and Section 134(4)(a) of the *Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Atlantic Accord Implementation Newfoundland and Labrador Act*.

The attached project description outlines the activities proposed for the Hebron Project. Project activities will be carried out at two locations. Construction and tow-out of a gravity based structure will occur at Bull Arm Trinity Bay. Offshore activities include the installation of the GBS, and drilling and production operations at the Hebron field, located on the northeast Grand Banks. Construction activities will likely commence in 2012, and first oil is expected in late 2016 or 2017. EMCP is predicting that production activities will continue for 30 years. Future development may include the construction of several glory holes.

The C-NLOPB has determined, in accordance with paragraph 3(1)(a) of the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements* (FCR), that an environmental assessment of the project under section 5 of the CEA Act is required. The Project is listed on the Comprehensive Study Regulations. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) will act as FEAC for this assessment. In addition, this project has been identified as a major resource project, as such the Major Project Management Office will be involved in the environmental assessment process.

This letter seeks, pursuant to the FCR, to identify the departments or agencies that may have obligations as responsible authorities or as federal authorities for the Comprehensive Study review of the Hebron Project. A draft scoping document will be forwarded for review and comment.

#### **CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations - Section 5 Notification**

- Pursuant to section 5 of the CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations, the C-NLOPB requests that you review the attached information and inform the C-NLOPB by **March 27, 2009** of your determination pursuant to subsection 6(1) of the CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations.

- If you determine that you are likely to require an environmental assessment of the project, please advise the C-NLOPB of any approvals or authorizations to be exercised by your department or agency.
- If you determine that you are in possession of any specialist or expert information or knowledge pursuant to paragraph 6(1)(c) of the CEA Act Federal Coordination Regulations, please advise the C-NLOPB of the nature of that information or knowledge and the person to contact for assistance by **March 27, 2009**.

A "Faxback Response Form" has been provided for your convenience. If no response is received from you by the date indicated above, the C-NLOPB will assume that your department or agency has no responsibility to undertake an environmental assessment and is not in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge.


#### **Species at Risk - Section 79(1) Notification of Competent Minister**

Pursuant to Section 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*, the C-NLOPB hereby informs the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (the Competent Ministers) that the following Schedule 1 Species are likely to be in the project area under the jurisdiction of the C-NLOPB. A determination of the likelihood of adverse affects on these species will be undertaken during the screening process.

- Endangered: Turtle, Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*)  
Whale, Blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*)
- Threatened: Wolffish, Northern (*Anarhichas denticulatus*)  
Wolffish, Spotted (*Anarhichas minor*)
- Special Concern: Gull, Ivory (*Pagophila eburnea*)  
Wolffish, Atlantic (*Anarhichas lupus*)

If you have any questions on the attached, or wish to discuss the above, I may be reached at 709-778-1431 or via email at [kcoady@cnlopb.nl.ca](mailto:kcoady@cnlopb.nl.ca).

Yours truly,



Kimberly Coady  
Environmental Assessment Officer

Attachments

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**Federal Coordination Regulations  
Section 6 - Record Of Determination**

**Project Title:** Hebron Development Project  
**Location:** Jeanne d'Arc Basin, Grand Banks  
**Proponent:** ExxonMobil Canada Properties

FEDERAL AUTHORITY: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the Section 6 of the Federal Coordination Regulations, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Federal Authority identified above, has reviewed the project description and advises you of the following:

(a) it is **likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

Trigger  Proponent  Funding  
 Land Transfer  Law List

Law List Trigger: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) it is **not likely** to require an environmental assessment of the project

(c) it is **in possession** of specialist or expert information or knowledge that is necessary to conduct the environmental assessment of the project

OR

(d) additional information is required to make a determination

If the answer to (d) is "yes", the Regulations require that the additional information be requested within 10 days after making the determination.

Identify the contact person for the environmental assessment, if different from above.

**Name & Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone/Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return via fax, by **March 27, 2009**, to:  
Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, attention: Kim Coady  
Fax Number 709-778-1432